Connecticut Department of Social Services

Making a Difference

In Brief:
Connecticut's new Medicaid for Low-Income Adults

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- Connecticut is the first state to receive federal approval to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (national health care reform legislation).

- New Medicaid coverage is replacing the State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA) medical program.

- *Medicaid for Low-Income Adults* is open to Connecticut residents aged 19 through 64, who do not receive federal Supplemental Security Income or Medicare and who are not pregnant.

- Provides full Medicaid health coverage/benefits package, including long-term care/skilled nursing facility, home health care and non-emergency medical transportation.

- The income-eligibility limit for single adults and married couples is 56% of the federal poverty level.

  ➢ However, single adults and married couples who live in Region A (mostly southwestern Connecticut) receive an additional deduction equal to 12% of the federal poverty level. This effectively makes the income limit equal to 68% of the federal poverty level in Region A.

Household Size by Region*	Income Limit**
Single Person (Region A, southwestern CT)	$613.70
Single Person (Region B, northern/eastern CT; & Region C, western CT)	$505.40
Married Couple (Region A, southwestern CT)	$825.63
Married Couple (Region B, northern/eastern CT; & Region C, western CT)	$679.93

*See following pages for list of cities/towns by region.

**Up to $150 per month of any earned income is not counted.

- Applicants with higher incomes can quality through the Medicaid 'spend-down' process, meaning that coverage takes effect when out-of-pocket costs reach a pre-calculated level.

- Medicaid identification and U.S. citizenship verification procedures apply. Medicaid coverage is also available to certain qualified non-citizens. Other qualified non-citizens may be able to receive coverage through the State Medical Assistance for Non-Citizens program.

- Unlike the SAGA medical program, in Medicaid for Low-Income Adults:
  o there will be no asset test for eligibility;
  o there will be no digital imaging requirement;
  o there will be no recovery from liens on home property; and
  o redetermination (coverage renewal) will soon be done on an annual basis, not every six months

- Medicaid identification and U.S. citizenship verification procedures apply. All current SAGA medical clients will have their Social Security numbers automatically matched with Social Security records, which should meet Medicaid requirements for most people.

- Medicaid for Low-Income Adults is administered directly by the Connecticut Department of Social Services. This is a change from the SAGA medical program, which was coordinated by the Community Health Network of CT for the Department of Social Services.

- Many medical providers enrolled with the Community Health Network of CT also participate in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CTMAP). CTMAP is the state's Medicaid fee-for-service provider network. These providers will simply bill Medicaid rather than the Community Health Network on behalf of their patients in Medicaid. Special outreach will be done by the Department of Social Services to Community Health Network of CT-enrolled providers who do not participate in the CTMAP fee-for-service network, to encourage them to enroll.

- CTMAP Client Assistance (operated by Department of Social Services contractor HP) can help clients with access to medical providers. This includes locating new medical providers who participate in Medicaid in the event a client's provider does not participate in CTMAP. Clients can call Client Assistance Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at:

  o 1-866-409-8430 (in-state, toll-free)
  o 1-860-269-2031 (local to Farmington, CT)

  o Clients can also search for providers by at the following website: www.ctdssmap.com and click on Provider Search

- New applications for Medicaid are made at local offices of the Connecticut Department of Social Services. Call 2-1-1 Infoline for referral to a DSS office or visit www.ct.gov/dss and click on Regional Offices.

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Medicaid for Low-Income Adults - Key Contact Numbers for Enrollees

The following client services may be helpful to former SAGA members now enrolled in Medicaid for Low-Income Adults, as well as new enrollees.

- If you would like to find out which providers participate in Medicaid in your area, - visit the web at www.ctdssmap.com and select the Provider Search Options or call the **Client Assistance Center (1-866-409-8430).** Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- If your medical provider would like to participate in Medicaid, and is not yet enrolled - he/she can call **1-800-842-8440**.

- To find a dentist who participates in Medicaid - call the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **1-866-420-2924** (in-state toll free). They can also help you set up an appointment.

- To schedule a ride for your Medicaid-covered appointment - call Coordinated Transportation Solutions (CTS) at **1-877-423-6794.**

- To find out about residential substance abuse treatment or the Recovery Supports Program - call **1-800-606-3677.** Some services that are not covered by Medicaid may be covered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

- For any question on the transition from SAGA to Medicaid - call the **Client Assistance Center (1-866-409-8430),** Monday through Friday. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regional Breakdown by City/Town

Region A

Bethel
Bridgewater
Brookfield
Danbury
Darien
Greenwich
New Canaan
New Fairfield
New Milford
Newtown
Norwalk
Redding
Ridgefield
Roxbury
Sherman
Stamford
Washington
Weston
Westport
Wilton

Region B

Andover	Enfield	New London	Voluntown
Ashford	Essex	North Branford	Wallingford
Avon	Fairfield	North Haven	Waterford
Berlin	Farmington	N.Stonington	Westbrook
Bethany	Franklyn	Norwich	West Hartford
Bloomfield	Glastonbury	Old Lyme	West Haven
Bolton	Granby	Old Saybrook	Wethersfield
Bozrah	Griswold	Orange	Willington
Branford	Groton	Plainfield	Windham
Bridgeport	Guilford	Plainville	Windsor
Bristol	Haddam	Plymouth	Windsor Locks
Brooklyn	Hamden	Pomfret	Woodbridge
Burlington	Hampton	Portland	Woodstock
Canterbury	Hartford	Preston	
Canton	Hebron	Putnam	
Chaplin	Killingly	Rocky Hill	
Chester	Killingworth	Salem	
Clinton	Lebanon	Scotland	
Colchester	Ledyard	Shelton	
Columbia	Lisbon	Simsbury	
Coventry	Lyme	Somers	
Cromwell	Madison	Southington	
Deep River	Manchester	South Windsor	
Durham	Mansfield	Sprague	
Eastford	Marlborough	Stafford	
East Granby	Meriden	Sterling	
East Haddam	Middlefield	Stonington	
East Hampton	Middletown	Stratford	
East Hartford	Milford	Suffield	
East Haven	Monroe	Thompson	
East Lyme	Montville	Tolland	
Easton	New Britain	Trumbull	
East Windsor	New Haven	Union	
Ellington	Newington	Vernon	

Region C

Ansonia
Barkhamsted
Beacon Falls
Bethlehem
Canaan
Cheshire
Colebrook
Cornwall
Derby
Goshen
Hartland
Harwinton
Kent
Litchfield
Middlebury
Morris
Naugatuck
New Hartford
Norfolk
North Canaan
Oxford
Prospect
Salisbury
Seymour
Sharon
Southbury
Thomaston
Torrington
Warren
Waterbury
Watertown
Winchester
Wolcott
Woodbury